GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:386
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001
LIBERALISATION OF VISA RULES
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have recently decided to liberalize the visa rules;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the response of other side thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): In order to increase people to people contact between Indian and Pak nationals, it is proposed to make travel between the two countries simpler. It has been decided that Pakistan passport holders would be allowed to come by the road route and obtain visa at the international check-post. Apart from Attari, some new check-post would also be opened at designated points along the International Border.

(d): There has been no response from the other side as yet.